

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

### Notice of Hearing for the Adoption and Amendment of Regulations of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers

The Board of Examiners for Social Workers will hold a public hearing at 9:30 am on June 9, 2006, at the Office of the Attorney General, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4700, 555 E. Washington Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada. There will be a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the Office of the Attorney General, Mock Courtroom, 100 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada where some members of the Board may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption and amendment of regulations that pertain to Chapter 641B of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603

The proposed regulations are needed to clarify the regulations relating to applications for licensure and continuing education requirements, to further define “unprofessional conduct” and other various housekeeping matters. The purpose of the proposed regulations is to address these needs.

Terms or substance of the proposed regulation or a description of the subjects and issues involved:

1. Add new definitions for *Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services* and *Interactive Continuing Education*
2. Amend NAC 641B.095 (Evidence of age, citizenship and entitlement to remain and work in the United States) to clarify that copies of legal documents verifying any name changes and a picture identification card must be submitted with the application.
3. Amend NAC 641B.112 (Provisional License) to clarify that applicant is not eligible for a provisional license if he failed the examination within the last 5 years.
4. Amend NAC 641B.126 (Licensure by reciprocity) to expand requirement that the applicant must be able to provided evidence that he has taken the examination within the last 15 years instead of 10 years.
5. Amend NAC 641B.160 (Supervisors of Interns) requiring supervisors to ensure that the services provided by the intern are culturally and linguistically appropriate.
6. Amend NAC 641B.187 (Renewal of Licensure) to clarify the definition of ethics of social work
7. Amend NAC 641B.189 (Continuing Education Acceptable Forms) to clarify and add ways that a licensee may obtain continuing education for renewal of his licensure.
8. Amend NAC 641B.190 (Continuing Education Approval) to clarify that the program must be supported by evidenced based research and add culturally and linguistically appropriate services as acceptable subject matter
9. Amend NAC 641B.200(15) (Standards of Practice) to add a section prohibiting a licensee from withholding records upon written request by a client unless otherwise specifically authorized by law
10. Amend NAC 641B.200(16) (Standards of Practice) to clarify that a licensee shall maintain client records for 10 years unless otherwise specifically authorized by law.

The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the business that it is to regulate and on the public.

- A. Adverse effect: There is no known adverse effective to the public.
- B. Beneficial effect: Short and long term effect will be to protect the public health and safety by ensuring that social workers meet the minimum standards for licensure and continued practice.
- C. Short term effect: See A and B
- D. Long term effect: See A and B

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

The Board is aware of no other state or government agency regulations that the proposed amendments duplicate.

The regulation does not increase existing fees or establish any new fees payable to the Board.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form to the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, 4600 Kietzke Lane, #C121, Reno, NV 89502. Written submissions must be received by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers on or before May 31, 2006. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be adopted will be available at Board of Examiners for Social Workers, 4600 Kietzke Lane, C121, Reno, NV 89502, on the Board's web page [www.socwork.nv.gov](http://www.socwork.nv.gov) and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada register of Administrative Regulations that is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request.

Upon adoption on any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, both before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice has been posted at the office of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, on the Board's web page [www.socwork.nv.gov](http://www.socwork.nv.gov) and the following locations:

Washoe County Social Services, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512  
Clark County Social Services, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106  
University of Nevada, Reno, School of Social Work (090), Reno, NV 89557  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Social Work, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154

This notice is on file at the following county libraries:

Carson City Library, 900 N. Roop Street, Carson City, NV 89701  
Churchill County Library, 553 South Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406  
Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North, Las Vegas, NV 89101  
Douglas County Library, Post Office Box 337, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423  
Elko County Library, 720 Court Street, Elko, Nevada 89801  
Goldfield Public Library, Post Office Box 430, Fourth and Crook Street, Goldfield, NV 89013  
Eureka Branch Library, Post Office Box 293, 10190 Monroe Street, Eureka, NV 89316  
Humboldt County Library, 85 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445  
Lincoln County Library, Post Office Box 330, 93 Main Street, Pioche, NV 89043  
Lyon County Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447  
Mineral County Library, Post Office Box 1390, First & A Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415  
Tonopah Public Library, Post Office Box 449, 171 Central Street, Tonopah, NV 89049  
Pershing County Library, Post Office Box 781, 1125 Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419  
Storey County Library, Post Office Box 14, 95 South R Street, Virginia City, NV 89440  
White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301  
Battle Mountain Branch Library, Post Box 141, Battle Mountain, NV 89820